

Church News.

FROM GARWIN, IOWA.

Elder W. C. Thomas has moved to his new home in Mississippi. His address will now be Macon, Miss., instead of Garwin, Iowa. We regret his departure from us, and his presence is greatly missed by all. But we are gratified with the thought that Brother and Sister Thomas did not wish to sever their connection with the Garwin church of the Brethren, but still wish to be held as members of the church at this place. Also their little daughter Ella is a sister in the church. We should like very much to see a letter from her in the children's department of the EVANGELIST. We know her to be a splendid writer. Brother and Sister Thomas also have a married daughter here who is a member of the Brethren church.

We have organized a cottage prayer-meeting which is held at the various houses in the neighborhood on Thursday evening. We have fairly good attendance. Some who do not make any profession have invited us to hold services at their homes. Yours in the bonds of Christian love,

F. M. CHASE.

FROM FLOYD, VA.

The BRETHREN EVANGELIST is a welcome visitor at my house and it should be in every Christian home. I have distributed a part of the sample copies you sent me, I hope I can be of some help towards the 3000 list. I haven't seen anything in its columns from Floyd, but we should not set still and say or do nothing. We should let our lights shine. If we have had them in a pitcher, let us break the pitcher, and let us fight the enemy harder than ever before. Let us remember that we can do nothing sitting still. Let us be up and doing. Let us ask ourselves the question, What have we done for the blessed Master in 1895? Review our past life and press forward during 1896. Take the Lord Jesus at his word. St. Luke 10:3. It is our duty, it is a command from the blessed Master. Let us not think it a task to reprove some one we may see doing an errand for the devil. Let us not be ashamed of our blessed Master. Whenever we have an opportunity, we should put in a word that might save some poor soul. When we have our social gatherings, let us not forget to invite the Holy Child Jesus. See what he did at the marriage feast, when they got out of wine. Friends, brothers and sisters invite him to your homes. He will have a blessing for you, and he will bestow it right in time of need. By and through him we can do wonderful

works and without him we can do nothing. Get hold of the rope yourself and see that you leave enough end for the blessed Master, throw it to those poor lost sinners that are near the rapids of an awful hell, and drag them ashore.

Let us throw out the life line, some one is sinking to-day;

Let us throw out the life line, some one is drifting away.

My dear unconverted friends, you are on this downward flight, if nothing more lift up your eyes and look around, that you may see the assistance offered you, that you cannot stand at that Judgment seat and say you had none to warn you.

W. J. SPANGLER.

A NEW CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

We have just closed our meeting at New Enterprise, Pa. We had a grand and glorious time. Nine additions by baptism, and more near the kingdom.

We have now completed our organization at Riddlesburg, Pa. This meeting was alluded to some time ago, but owing to its protracted nature, we were delayed in giving a full report which is as follows: Thirty-four members, with a full corps of officers. Baptized twenty-eight. Six from the G. B's. Name of the new organization, Liberty, Bedford Co., Pa. Have secured a lot on which to erect a church.

E. H. SMITH.

FROM DAYTON, VA.

Christmas night we preached to a large audience at Mt. Olive, near Good's Mill. The next day we went to Craig Co., where we labored for nearly three weeks. We preached several sermons at Ripley Mills, after which we went to Looney, ten miles distant, to an entirely new field. There was a gradual increase of interest and attendance up until the close. Three confessed Christ but there were no additions to our fold.

We believe good seed has been sown and quite a number are considering the primitive doctrines as we practice them. We found the people appreciative and liberal. They gave the writer quite a handsome collection at the close of the meeting. We were fortunate to have Prof. J. M. Bowman of Harrisburg, to conduct the music the greater portion of the time. The future for the Brethren church in this community is promising. On the 12th inst. we were unexpectedly summoned home on account of the illness of our better half, but she is now improving. We had pleasant services here morning and evening, last Lord's day.

Jan. 20.

J. S. BOWMAN.

A soft answer often breaks a hard heart.

FROM CONEMAUGH, PA.

Being appointed by the church to correspond with the paper, I will try my hand for the first time. It is rather late to talk about Christmas but I neglected sending in the December report so will tell it all now.

Our Christmas treat was a success, children of the whole school took part in recitations and dialogues from three years up. Best of all brother George Berkebile's class of boys surprised our pastor, Brother Koontz, by tying a large turkey to his door, and the boys stood around the corners waiting to see what would happen, so when the family came home the turkey got excited, and I think Mrs. Koontz too, for she hollowed "What is it?"

On last Thursday, (January 9) we had a business meeting of which Brother Koontz received a unanimous vote for our pastor for '96, can not tell yet what the result will be. Protracted meeting began Sunday evening, one confession has already been made, and good ground for more.

NETTIE O'NEIL.

FROM CLIMAX.

Rev. J. B. Wampler of your church has just closed a series of illustrated lectures at this place, beginning last Wednesday night and each succeeding night, closing Sunday A. M. We feel that the brother has sowed good seed. We never heard Bible truths presented more clearly and forcibly. He is both sympathetic and analytical in showing his various points. We believe there are few more logical reasoners in the field. There was a good turnout all the time, only those staying at home who could not possibly get out every night, and good attention. We should have said rapt attention was given to the speaker. Brother Wampler leaves here with the respect of all denominations, as he did not berate any. In fact his lectures are non-sectarian. We hope to be favored again by the brother with another series.

God speed J. B. Wampler on his way, as he is doing a good work in the name of the Master.

Yours truly,

W. T. CRAIG.

FROM WAYNESVILLE, MO.

The brethren and sisters at this place are much built up and encouraged since my last report. We have received one member by relation, and four by baptism, a total of five, under the very able preaching of Brethren Roberts and Humphrey. We intend to still press on.

H. P. METCALF.